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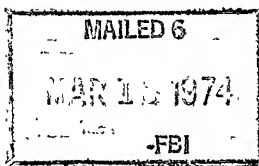
From: Director, FBI

RICHARD OBER
SPECIAL INQUIRY
BUDED: 3-28-74

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National Security Council has requested investigation of Ober, an employee of the Central Intelligence Agency, who is being considered for a position with the National Security Council. Born 4-5-21, New York, New York, and resides 8606 Ox Road, Fairfax, Station, Virginia. Background data attached.

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NOTE: Request received today.

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TITLE OF CASE RICHARD OBER		REPORT MADE BY SA 	b6 per FBI b7C
		CHARACTER OF CASE S P I X	

REFERENCES:

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Title:

RICHARD OBER

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Reference comments favorably concerning appointee and recommends most highly.

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DETAILS:

REFERENCEAT ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

SAM J. PAPICH, Executive Director, The Governor's Organized Crime Commission, 120 Central S.W., advised on March 19, 1974, that he has been acquainted with appointee since approximately 1960. Mr. PAPICH explained that during 1960, he, PAPICH, was employed as a Special Agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D. C., and part of his official duties was maintaining liaison with the Central Intelligence Agency and it was during this period that Mr. PAPICH first became acquainted with appointee. Mr. PAPICH described appointee as a most helpful and cooperative individual who is extremely bright and very security conscience. He stated that appointee was a very discreet individual and one whose loyalty, reputation and character were never questioned by Mr. PAPICH. He further advised that he knew appointee professionally and knew very little about his personal life

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other than the fact that appointee appeared to be a happily married man and devoted father who spent most of his free time living quietly on a farm in Virginia. Mr. PAPICH advised that he had day-to-day contact with appointee and he would not hesitate to recommend him most highly for a position of trust and confidence.

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TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: BOSTON 161-3594 RUC

RICHARD OBER, SPIN, BUDED MARCH 28, 1974.

RE BOSTON NITEL TO DIRECTOR, MARCH 22, 1974; BUREAU
NITEL TO BOSTON AND OTHERS, MARCH 15, 1974; AND BUREAU AIRTEL
TO BOSTON AND OTHERS, MARCH 13, 1974.

CLOSE ASSOCIATE

ON MARCH 25, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE FOR OVER TWENTYTWO YEARS
AND THAT HIS ACQUAINTANCE WITH THE APPOINTEE WAS INITIATED
AND DEVELOPED THROUGH THEIR MUTUAL SERVICE IN THE CENTRAL
INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. [REDACTED] ADVISED THEIR INITIAL ACQUAINTANCE
WAS IN MUNICH, GERMANY 1950 AND THAT HIS LAST CONTACT WITH
APPOINTEE WAS IN JUNE 1973, UPON APPOINTEE'S RETIREMENT. [REDACTED]
ADVISED THAT HE IS UNAWARE OF ANY UNFAVORABLE INFORMATION
REGARDING THE APPOINTEE AND THAT HE HOLDS THE APPOINTEE IN THE
HIGHEST REGARD. [REDACTED] ADVISED HE HAS NO REASON WHATSOEVER
TO QUESTION APPOINTEE'S LOYALTY TO THE U.S. AND ADVISED THAT HE
WOULD AFFORD THE APPOINTEE A VERY HIGH RECOMMENDATION FOR A
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ABOVE INTERVIEW OF CLOSE ASSOCIATE CONDUCTED BY SA

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ALEXANDRIA

FROM NEW YORK 161-4714

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RICHARD OBER, SPI, BUDED MARCH 28, 1974.

RE BUREAU AIRTEL, MARCH 13, 1974.

NEW YORK UNABLE TO ASCERTAIN WHEREABOUTS OF APPOINTEE'S

BROTHER, [REDACTED] THROUGH REASONABLE INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS
AT AMITYVILLE, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK.

ALEXANDRIA CONTACT CIA FOR SPECIFIC ADDRESS OF BROTHER

OR, UACB, INTERVIEW APPOINTEE FOR SAME.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ALEXANDRIA (161-2503) (RUC)

RICHARD OBER
SPECIAL INQUIRY
BUDED: 3/28/74

Re Bureau airtel, dated 3/13/74; and St. Louis
teletype, dated 3/20/74.

EMPLOYMENT

Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)
McLean, Virginia

The following investigation was conducted by
SA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Personnel Office, CIA, Arlington, Virginia, on 3/21/74, advised that RICHARD OBER is employed by that agency having entered on duty, 12/6/48, as P-3 (equivalent to GS-9), and is presently a Grade 16, Step 5, on assignment to the National Security Council (NSC). Mr. OBER has received very good fitness reports indicating he shows initiative, superior security consciousness and managerial ability. His performance is decidedly strong.

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There was no adverse information noted in
this personnel file.

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[redacted] Operations Chief, Staff of Director of Operations (DDO), CIA, McLean, Virginia, on 3/25/74, advised she has known the appointee, who was under her supervision from July, 1973 to March, 1974, when he was a [redacted] /

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[redacted] stated that OBER is an intelligent and industrious worker who has broad experience in the CIA. He is very security minded, an excellent organizer, and exhibits a high degree of independence.

[redacted] added that she knows of nothing derogatory concerning the appointee and attested to his unquestioned loyalty to the United States and selection of associates. She stated she would recommend Mr. OBER most highly for a position of trust.

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[redacted] concluded by saying that there are very few people still employed by the CIA who worked with him since most of them have retired.

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✓ [redacted] CIA, McLean, Virginia, CIA, McLean, Virginia, on 3/25/74, advised he has known RICHARD OBER since about 1958. Mr. OBER has worked very closely with [redacted] for the past five years. [redacted] stated he has no social contact with the appointee, but can attest to his high caliber ability in his work. He is a true professional and carries out his assignments in a thoughtful and incisive manner. [redacted] stated he believes the appointee is well suited for the position with the National Security Council. [redacted] described Mr. OBER as a person firmly committed to the broad goals of the United States, and his loyalty, character, and selection of associates in unquestioned. [redacted] advised that he knows of nothing derogatory concerning the appointee and would recommend him for the position of trust and sensitivity without hesitation.

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[redacted]
[redacted] CIA, McLean, Virginia, on 3/26/74, advised that he knows the appointee, RICHARD OBER only slightly. From his short acquaintanceship with OBER, it was his impression that OBER has a fine ability to work under pressure and he knows the appointee to be a good organizer and staff man. [redacted] stated he has not associated with OBER on a social basis. Mr. OBER is extremely security conscious and it is [redacted] belief that he is well suited for the NSC job. In fact, it was [redacted] who recommended Mr. OBER for the position.

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ASSOCIATE - CO-WORKER

On 3/26/74, [redacted]

✓ [redacted] advised he has known OBER since 1962. [redacted] worked as Mr. OBER's deputy for four years and found him to be very thorough, dedicated, and intelligent. The appointee insists on painstaking attention to completeness and detail. He has a fine ability to pursue larger dimensions of a problem and able to articulate it.

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[redacted] attested to OBER's loyalty and good character. He added that, although he has has very little social contact with the appointee, he has no reason to question his choice of associates. [redacted] stated he knows of no derogatory information concerning Mr. OBER and would recommend him most highly for the position with the NSC.

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NEIGHBORHOOD

[redacted]
Fairfax Station, Virginia

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On 3/25/74, [redacted]
advised she has known the appointee, [redacted]
[redacted] since 1961.

She said the children are still residing with the parents. She considers the appointee and his family to be loyal Americans of very good character, associates, and reputation. They are very quiet, stay pretty much to themselves, and the appointee seems to be a responsible, honest, and intelligent individual. She recommended him favorably for a position of trust and confidence. She added that inasmuch as this is a rural area the only ones who could possibly know the appointee are [redacted] who resides in Woodbridge, Virginia, and the [redacted].

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On 3/26/74, [redacted]
[redacted] advised she has known the appointee and his family as neighbors and social friends for the past 15 years. She considers them to be loyal Americans of excellent character, associates, and reputation. The appointee is a very friendly, pleasant, intelligent, and personable individual. She recommended him favorably for a position of trust and confidence.

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On 3/27/74, [redacted]
advised she has known the appointee and his family as neighbors for about 15 years. She knew of nothing unfavorable about their character, associates, reputation, or loyalty. She said that they are very quiet, keep to themselves, and have caused no problems in the neighborhood. She further advised she would recommend the appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

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On 3/27/74, [redacted]
[redacted] advised she knew the appointee and his family as neighbors since 1961, until she moved after being married. She stated she still sees them

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occasionally when she visits with her mother, [redacted] She said that at one time she baby-sat for the appointee's children. She considered the family to be loyal Americans of excellent character, associates, and reputation. She said that they are very nice people and recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

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On 3/27/74, [redacted] [redacted] advised he has known the appointee and his family as neighbors for 15 years. He considers them to be loyal Americans of excellent character, associates, and reputation. The appointee is a reputable, honest, pleasant, and hard working individual. He recommended him favorably for a position of trust and confidence. [redacted] was also listed as a reference.

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POLICE AGENCY CHECK

SC [redacted] caused a search to be made of the files of the Fairfax County, Virginia, Police Department, and was advised on 3/19/74, that the following record was located for RICHARD OBER, born 4/5/21; on 10/27/29 - following too close - fined \$37.75; no record was located for appointee's spouse, [redacted] mother, [redacted] daughter, [redacted] and son, [redacted]

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SC [redacted] caused a search to be made of the files of the Arlington County, Virginia, Police Department, and was advised on 3/19/74, that no record was located for the appointee, and mother-in-law, [redacted]

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SC [redacted] caused a search to be made of the files of the Vienna Police Department, and was advised on 3/20/74, that no record was located re appointee.

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SC [] caused a search to be made of the files of the CIA, and was advised on 3/22/74, that the files contained nothing derogatory concerning the appointee and his wife.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [] on 3/19/74.

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[] Resident Manager, [] Apartments, [] Road, Arlington, Virginia, advised the appointee's mother-in-law, [] age 77, has resided in the building since it was built in 1957. Upon the death of her husband in 1957 or 1958, she in August, 1958, moved into her current apartment [] where she resides alone. She is employed part-time by the apartment house as a desk receptionist. [] stated [] is a very fine person who enjoys an excellent reputation.

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On 3/26/74, [] Records Office, [] Columbia Pike, Annandale, Virginia, advised her records show that [] moved to this manor on 12/7/71, and is currently a resident. She said everything is favorable concerning her.

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MILITARY SERVICE

[] Supra, on 3/22/74, advised SA [] that appointee's personnel file contained a statement by OBER concerning U. S. Army service:

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He enlisted on 6/29/42, and entered on active duty, 6/10/43, with service number []. He attended Officers Candidate School from 6/43 to 11/43, and was commissioned in 11/43, and was assigned service number []. OBER stated he was honorably discharged, 4/7/46 with rank of Captain, Field Artillery.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-9619) (RUC)

RICHARD OBER
SPECIAL INQUIRY
BUDED 3/28/74.

Re Bureau airtel dated 3/13/74.

EMPLOYMENTNATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL (NSC)

The following investigation at NSC was conducted
by SA GEORGE E. SAUNDERS on 3/22/74.

[REDACTED] NSC, b6 per FBI
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advised the appointee, RICHARD OBER, was detailed to NSC
from Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) as a staff member
on 3/18/74. She knows of no one in the staff who is
personally acquainted with him.

The security file, NSC, for the appointee indicates
OBER received an interim NSC Top Secret clearance on 3/18/74.

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REFERENCES

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On 3/27/74, Mr. LEWIS HOFFACKER, Special Assistant to the Secretary and Coordinator for Combatting Terrorism, Office of the Secretary, United States Department of State (USDS), Washington, D. C. (WDC), advised he has known the appointee since 1963, when both attended the National War College at Fort McNair, WDC. Since July, 1973, he has seen Mr. OPER on an almost daily basis as appointee heads the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mr. HOFFACKER commented that appointee is an outstanding person of complete discretion and integrity. He stated his character, reputation, associates and loyalty to the U.S. are without question and he recommends him highly for a sensitive position within the U.S. Government.

Mr. JOHN N. GATCH, JR., Deputy Coordinator to Mr. HOFFACKER, advised he has known appointee for the past 37 years and first met when both attended Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire. Mr. GATCH stated that during the past one and one half years, he has practically daily contact with appointee since appointee is Chief CIA Representative to the Committee for Combatting Terrorism. GATCH noted that he has had regular social contact with appointee and appointee has temperate habits with no weaknesses. He considers the appointee and his family to be of outstanding character, reputation, associates and loyalty to the U.S. Mr. GATCH volunteered he is aware of appointee's new position and commented he is extremely well suited for same.

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ARMIN H. MEYER, 4610 Reno Road, N.W., advised on March 28, 1974, that he was acquainted with the appointee during working hours from September, 1972, until early 1974. He pointed out the appointee was Central Intelligence Agency's (CIA) representative on the Cabinet Committee to Combat Terrorism and that he (MEYER) was chairman of the committee. The appointee impressed him as an able, capable, cooperative, and personable individual. Nothing came to his attention which would reflect on any manner adversely on the appointee's character, associates, reputation or loyalty. He recommends the appointee without hesitation for a position of trust and confidence.

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CREDIT AND POLICE AGENCIES

SA CHARLES W. SMITH caused a search to be made of the files of The Credit Bureau, Incorporated, Washington, D. C., and was advised on March 18, 1974, that the files contained a satisfactory credit record for the appointee.

On March 19, 1974, SC [redacted] determined that no arrest record was contained in the Metropolitan Police Department files concerning the appointee, his wife, [redacted] or his children, [redacted].

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It is to be noted that at all times an indefinite number of unidentified records are out of file and not available for review.

On March 19, 1974, SC [redacted] determined that no record was contained in the Department of Motor Vehicles, Government of the District of Columbia files concerning the appointee or above listed relatives.

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On March 18, 1974, SC [redacted] searched the files of the U. S. Park Police and no identifiable adult criminal or traffic record could be located regarding the appointee or his listed relatives.

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SC [redacted] caused a search to be made of the files of the Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission, and was advised on March 25, 1974, that no additional pertinent information was found concerning the appointee.

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On March 20, 1974, SA [redacted] determined that the following record concerning the appointee was contained in the Personnel Security Files, Division of Security, United States Atomic Energy Commission, (USAEC), Germantown, Maryland.

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Security file WA 119912 disclosed that:

August 14, 1963: USAEC, Washington, granted a "Q:" clearance to RICHARD OBER as a CIA Intelligence Officer.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM ALEXANDRIA (161-2503) (P) 6P

RICHARD OBER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: MARCH 28, 1974.

RE BUREAU PHONE CALL MADE ON APRIL 2, 1974.

THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED BY SA EDWARD C. RUDIGER:

SUPERVISOR AND CO-WORKERS: MR. JAMES ANGLETON, CHIEF
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS,
CIA, MC LEAN, VA., ADVISED ON APRIL 2, 1974, THAT RICHARD
OBER WORKED UNDER HIS SUPERVISION FROM AUGUST, 1964, THROUGH

JULY, 1973. HE SAID HE KNEW HIM ONLY ON A PROFESSIONAL BASIS
AND DESCRIBED OBER AS ONE OF THE FINEST INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS
HE HAS HAD THE PLEASURE TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH. MR. ANGLETON

SAID APPOINTEE WAS A MAN OF FEW WORDS BUT OF GREAT ACCOMP-
LISHMENT WHO EXERTED LEADERSHIP QUALITIES OF HIGH CALIBRE.

HE NOTED THERE COULD BE NO DOUBT AS TO THE CHARACTER, LOYALTY,

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PATRIOTISM OR ASSOCIATES OF APPOINTEE, AND MR. ANGLETON RECOMMENDED HIM WITHOUT QUALIFICATION FOR ANY SENSITIVE TYPE POSITION WITH THE GOVERNMENT TO WHICH HE MAY BE APPOINTED.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ON APRIL 2, 1974, SAID HE HAD KNOWN RICHARD OBER BY REPUTATION FOR MANY YEARS BUT WORKED FOR HIM ONLY SINCE 1972, DURING WHICH TIME HE BECAME BETTER ACQUAINTED WITH HIM. [REDACTED] SAID HE CONSIDERED APPOINTEE TO BE A COMPETENT, DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVANT WHOSE EXCELLENT REPUTATION AS A MAN OF INTEGRITY WAS WELL KNOWN AMONG HIS ASSOCIATES. HE NOTED THAT OBER WAS A LOYAL AMERICAN WHOSE ASSOCIATES WERE OF THE HIGHEST STANDARDS AND READILY RECOMMENDED THE APPOINTEE FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ON APRIL 2, 1974, ADVISED HE WORKED FOR RICHARD OBER BETWEEN DECEMBER, 1969, AND JUNE, 1971. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SAID OBER WAS A FIRST RATE INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS HIGHLY RESPECTED FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND ABILITY BY THOSE WITH WHOM HE WORKED. [REDACTED] RECOMMENDED APPOINTEE FAVORABLY AS TO HIS

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CHARACTER, REPUTATION, PATRIOTISM AND ASSOCIATES AND STATED HE BELIEVED OBER WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT CHOICE FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.



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NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE ATTENDANCE, CIA: APPOINTEE'S PERSONNEL FILE REVEALED A DOCUMENT DATED NOVEMBER 12, 1964, WHICH ATTESTED TO FACT THAT RICHARD OBER HAD ATTENDED THE NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE, FORT MC NAIR, WASHINGTON, D.C., DURING THE ACADEMIC YEARS FROM AUGUST 1963, TO JUNE, 1964, AND SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED HIS COURSE OF STUDY.

SECURITY CLEARANCE: RICHARD OBER, ACCORDING TO HIS SECURITY FILE AT CIA, WAS GRANTED TOP SECRET CLEARANCE ON NOVEMBER 12, 1948, AND THIS CLEARANCE IS STILL IN EFFECT.

CO-WORKERS,



[REDACTED]: ON APRIL 2, 1974, [REDACTED]

ADVISED SA [REDACTED] THAT HE WORKED WITH RICHARD OBER

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FROM LATE 1972 UNTIL FEBRUARY, 1974. [] DESCRIBED OBER AS A VERY HARD WORKING, COMPETENT AND RELIABLE WORKER. HE FOUND OBER TO BE VERY PERSONABLE AND HONEST IN HIS DEALINGS WITH FELLOW EMPLOYEES. [] ATTESTED TO APPOINTEE'S UNQUESTIONED CHARACTER, LOYALTY TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, AND HIS SELECTION OF ASSOCIATES IS BEYOND REPROACH.

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[] STATED HE KNOWS OF NOTHING OF A DEROGATORY NATURE CONCERNING APPOINTEE, AND HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND OBER FOR POSITION WITH NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL.

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[] ON APRIL 2, 1974, ADVISED SA

[] THAT HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE, RICHARD OBER, PROFESSIONALLY FOR ABOUT TEN YEARS AND HAS WORKED VERY CLOSELY FOR PAST TWO YEARS. [] STATED THAT APPOINTEE HAS IMPRESSED HIM VERY FAVORABLY WITH HIS SKILL IN HANDLING DELICATE MATTERS. OBER IS VERY INTELLIGENT AND IS EXTREMELY SECURITY CONSCIOUS.

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[] DESCRIBED OBER AS A PERSON OF UNQUESTIONED CHARACTER AND LOYALTY. HE ADDED THAT OBER IS A VERY PRIVATE MAN AND THEY HAD NO SOCIAL CONTACT WHILE WORKING TOGETHER. [] STATED HE KNOWS OF NOTHING DEROGATORY CONCERNING APPOINTEE AND HE WOULD RECOMMEND MR. OBER MOST HIGHLY FOR POSITION TO WHICH HE HAS BEEN APPOINTED.

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ADVISED HE WORKED WITH APPOINTEE FOR ABOUT FOUR YEARS AT CIA. HE CONSIDERED HIM A LOYAL AMERICAN OF GOOD CHARACTER, REPUTATION AND ASSOCIATES. HE SAID APPOINTEE IS A VERY HARD WORKER, PAINSTAKING AND EXACTING. HE WAS NOT A BACKSLAPPER BUT WAS VERY ABLE AND COMPETENT. MANY DAYS HE WORKED OVERTIME TO COMPLETE HIS WORK WITHOUT COMPENSATION. HE FURTHER ADVISED HE WOULD RECOMMEND APPOINTEE FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ALEXANDRIA (161-2503) (RUC)

RICHARD OBER
SPECIAL INQUIRY
BUDED: PAST

Re Alexandria teletype dated 4/3/74.

The following investigation was conducted by SA
[redacted] on 4/3/74.b6 per FBI
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JOHN M. MAURY, Consultant, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs (MAURY has been nominated for the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs) advised he met the appointee [redacted]. From then until the end of December, 1973, when MAURY retired, they were co-workers at the Central Intelligence Agency. MAURY continued to maintain contact with the appointee as he (MAURY) was a consultant to CIA until 3/1/74. They worked closely together and also they know each other socially. Before the appointee was married, his wife, [redacted] worked for MAURY for about a year. The appointee is "absolutely top notch." MAURY has the "highest regard for him when it comes to his stability, integrity, and loyalty" as an American. Nothing derogatory is known concerning his character, reputation, morals or habits. He is recommended for a position of trust and confidence in the U. S. Government.

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1 - Mr. Cleveland
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April 5, 1974

BY LIAISON

Miss Jane Dannenhauer
Staff Assistant (Security)
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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9-12-74
DDA/CMS

Dear Miss Dannenhauer:

In accordance with a request received from the National Security Council on March 12, 1974, an investigation has been conducted concerning Mr. Richard Ober. Transmitted herewith is a summary memorandum containing the results of this investigation, a copy of which is also being furnished to the National Security Council.

An investigation under the provisions of Executive Order 10450 (Federal Employee Security Program) was conducted concerning Mr. Ober in 1956, the results of which have been previously furnished to you and the National Security Council. The enclosed summary memorandum covers the period since September, 1956.

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The Defense Central Index of Investigations, Fort Holabird, Maryland, has advised a check of its records concerning Mr. Ober has not been completed. When this check has been completed, you will be advised.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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Miss Jane Dannenhauer

NOTE: Mr. Ober, aged 53, who is employed as [redacted] Office of the Director of Operations, CIA, Washington, D. C., is on detail to the National Security Council. Mr. Ober was investigated in 1956 under EO 10450 upon the specific request of the CIA based on information that Mr. Ober's father's name, Harold Ober, was on a list of names maintained by Anne Traven, Acting Executive Secretary of the United Committee of South Slavic Americans. The United Committee of South Slavic Americans has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. The results of the aforementioned investigation were furnished to CSC. CSC advised by letter dated 4-2-57 that Mr. Ober received a "favorable determination." Current investigation favorable. One agency outstanding.

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O'Donnell
April 5, 1974

RICHARD OBER

Summary

THE INVESTIGATION OF MR. OBER COVERED INQUIRIES IN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES AS TO HIS CHARACTER, LOYALTY, ABILITY, AND GENERAL STANDING, BUT NO INQUIRIES WERE MADE AS TO THE SOURCES OF HIS INCOME.

The information in this summary memorandum covers the period since September, 1956. Mr. Ober was born on April 5, 1921, in New York, New York.

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Education

Mr. Ober, as an employee of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), attended The National War College, Washington, D. C., from August, 1963, to June, 1964.

Military Service

Records of Mr. Ober's military service could not be located during the course of this investigation and may have been destroyed in the fire at the National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, on July 12, 1973.

Mr. Ober has advised he enlisted in the United States Army on June 29, 1942, and entered on active duty on June 10, 1943. He was honorably discharged on April 7, 1946, as a captain, field artillery.

Employment

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Mr. Ober has continued his employment with the CIA, Washington, D. C. He has served in various capacities, the last being that of Office of Director of Operations. He was detailed to the National Security Council as a staff member on March 18, 1974.

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An Applicant's investigation was conducted in 1974 concerning the employment of Mr. Ober in the CIA. The results of the investigation are being reviewed by the CIA.

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Richard Ober

Marital Status

Mr. Ober is married to the former [redacted]
and they reside at [redacted]
with their children, [redacted].

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Interviews

Lewis Hoffacker, Special Assistant to the Secretary, and Coordinator for Combating Terrorism, Office of the Secretary, Department of State, Washington, D. C., advised he has known Mr. Ober since 1963, when both he and Mr. Ober were attending The National War College. He stated that since July, 1973, he has seen Mr. Ober on an almost daily basis as Mr. Ober was the [redacted] of the CIA.

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Mr. Hoffacker stated Mr. Ober is an outstanding person of "complete discretion and integrity." He said Mr. Ober's character, reputation, associates, and loyalty to the United States are without question, and he recommended him highly for a sensitive position of trust and confidence.

[redacted]
[redacted] CIA, Washington, D. C., advised he has known Mr. Ober since 1958 and they have worked very closely together during the past five years. He stated he considers Mr. Ober's work to be of the highest caliber. [redacted] said he believes Mr. Ober is well suited for a position with the National Security Council. He described Mr. Ober as a person firmly committed to the broad goals of the United States and his loyalty, character, and selection of associates are above question. He advised he would recommend Mr. Ober, without hesitation, for a position of trust and confidence.

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[redacted]
[redacted], advised he has known Mr. Ober since 1962 and worked as Mr. Ober's deputy for a period of four years. He said he considers Mr. Ober to have been very thorough, intelligent, and painstaking in his work with the CIA. He stated Mr. Ober is a loyal United States citizen of good character, reputation, and associates. [redacted] concluded by stating he would highly recommend Mr. Ober for a position of trust and confidence.

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Richard Ober

[redacted] Operations Chief, Staff of the Director of Operations, CIA, Washington, D. C., advised she has known Mr. Ober since July, 1973, when he came under her direct supervision as [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that Mr. Ober is an intelligent and industrious individual who has had good experience with the CIA. She said Mr. Ober is security minded, is an excellent organizer, and exhibits a high degree of independence. She said she considers Mr. Ober to be a loyal American of excellent character, reputation, and associates. She recommended Mr. Ober highly for a position of trust and confidence.

Nineteen additional persons, consisting of neighbors, references, professional associates, and social acquaintances, were interviewed. They commented favorably concerning Mr. Ober's character, loyalty, reputation, and associates. He was variously described as intelligent, discreet, reliable, hardworking, and conscientious. They recommended him for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government. Those persons acquainted with his close relatives described them as reputable and loyal individuals.

Close Relatives

Mr. Ober's father, Harold Ober, is deceased. In addition to his wife and children, mentioned previously, Mr. Ober has the following living close relatives:

Mother

Brother



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Credit and Arrest Checks

Information has been received from appropriate credit reporting agencies indicating their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Ober.

Information has been received from appropriate law enforcement agencies indicating their files contain no record concerning Mr. Ober or his close relatives, except the following:

Richard Ober

Records of the Fairfax County, Virginia, Police Department indicate Mr. Ober was charged on October 27, 1969, with "following too close." He was fined \$37.75.

Security Clearances

Mr. Ober holds an active top secret clearance granted to him by the CIA.

He also holds an interim top secret clearance granted to him by the National Security Council.

Miscellaneous

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The Civil Service Commission advised by letter dated April 2, 1957, that Mr. Ober received a "favorable determination."

Agency Checks

Information has been received from the following governmental agencies indicating their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Ober:

Atomic Energy Commission; Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission; CIA; House Committee on Internal Security; United States Secret Service; and the National Security Council.

The central files of the FBI, including the files of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Ober.

1 - Mr. Cleveland
1 - Mr. Coleman
1 - Mr. O'Connor

April 5, 1974

BY LIAISON

Mr. Jerry D. Jennings
National Security Council
Executive Office Building
Washington, D. C.

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Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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